

Amendments to the claims

1. (Currently Amended) A spatula device for performance of a laryngoscopical treatment of patients which are intubatable conventionally or with difficulties, comprising:
 - i) a flat element at its distal end wherein the flat element is hinged, and
 - ii) a removable optical device for observation of space around the distal end of the spatula device, wherein said optical device comprises a wide-angle lens.
2. (Previously Presented) The spatula device according to claim 1, wherein the distal end is hinged by means of a pulling handle.
3. (Canceled).
4. (Previously Presented) The spatula device according to claim 1, wherein the optical device includes a light emission output, which is inclined to a longitudinal axis of the optical device.
5. (Previously Presented) The spatula device according to claim 1, wherein the optical device is firmly fixable.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) The spatula device according to claim 1, wherein the optical device is provided in a stiff manner.

8. (Previously Presented) The spatula device according to claim 1, wherein the optical device is provided in a flexible manner.

9. (Currently Amended) The spatula device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the optical device includes a wide-angle lens with said wide-angle lens has~~ an angle ranging from 0 to 75 degrees.

10. (Previously Presented) The spatula device according to claim 1, wherein the optical device comprises a cold light source connection.

11. (Previously Presented) The spatula device according to claim 1, wherein the flat element comprises a thickened rounded lip.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) The spatula device according to claim 1, comprising a single said flat element at its distal end wherein the is a single flat element is hinged.

14. (Previously Presented) The spatula device according to claim 1, wherein the distal end is hinged by means of a pulling handle that is operated in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle.